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GRANTING ESCAPES TO ADULTS WITH CANCER

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BOARD APPLICATION



We Are Exciting + Unique

Life Is Good No Matter What™ (LIGNMW) is an Akron-based 501(c)(3) charity with a mission to offer adults with advanced cancer the opportunity to plan a cherished experience or escape. Our goals:

- **Primary:** grant a respite from the daily grind of battling cancer
- **Secondary:** give family and friends an opportunity to celebrate life 'in the moment' with the recipient
- **Ultimate:** create cherished memories

Many organizations exist to conduct research designed to detect, treat and ultimately cure various forms of cancer. Other entities provide respite care, emotional support, domestic help or transportation needs. Some grant wishes, but primarily for young children and teens. None provide escape experiences for adults with advanced cancer and their families.

Positive Outcomes

Adults with advanced cancer are consumed with the same daily struggles as the rest of us: juggling work and family, scheduling extra-curricular activities, carpooling, homework, babysitters, errands, meal preparation (and the list goes on). Only on top of all of these things — people with cancer also have to find the time and energy to squeeze in frequent doctor's appointments, blood draws, X-rays, chemotherapy and radiation. Life is exhausting enough. These people need a chance to escape, or at least take a short break away from their cancer and enjoy life.

We allow those who cannot otherwise afford such an opportunity to do just that with the ones they love. The goal: a lengthy distraction from their cancer. Much of the fun and excitement for recipients comes in planning their escape weeks and months ahead of time. Check out the many joyful stories on our website of our those who have received cherished escapes from Life Is Good No Matter What.

Inspiration Behind Our Charity

Life Is Good No Matter What was inspired by the life and positive attitude of Holly Sneider, the sister of our founder and CEO Troy Haslinger. During her 18-month battle with colon cancer Holly's unfailing motto was 'life is good, no matter what.' She felt that no matter the circumstances, life was worth celebrating every day. Troy's last conversation with Holly centered on doing something special and important for cancer patients. Holly was enthusiastic about Troy's idea to raise money for cancer patients that could be utilized to make life better right now. Thus, Life Is Good No Matter What™ was born.

Selection Requirements

Potential recipients must meet the following criteria: **1)** Diagnosis of advanced cancer; **2)** Ambulatory; **3)** A resident of northern Ohio and 18 years of age or older, unless the escape requires a legal age requirement; **4)** Unable to fulfill the escape for themselves due to limited financial resources; **5)** Be well enough to meaningfully participate in the experience.

LIGNMW pays, on average, approximately \$3,500 per escape. Escapes are awarded at the sole discretion of the LIGNMW Executive Director when funding is available. Escapes must take place within the United States.

Our Invitation

We are seeking to grow our board with diverse professionals with a passion for making life better for those with cancer as well as their families. If you are interested, please complete the enclosed application.



Thank you for your interest in serving on the Board of Directors of Life Is Good No Matter What.

Please complete the entire application. When completed, email this document to info@lifeisgoodnomatterwhat.org.

Note: Service on the Board of Directors is without remuneration. Members of the Board typically serve a two-year term and are eligible to renew for one year.

Responsibilities

The Board of Directors forwards the mission of Life Is Good No Matter What: to give adults with advanced cancer a break and escape from their battle and diagnosis through an Escape. Each of the Life Is Good No Matter What Directors agrees to fulfill the following:

1. Promotes the mission of Life Is Good No Matter What and serves as its ambassador to the community while reflecting the highest standards of ethical behavior, integrity and public responsibility.
2. Financially supports Life Is Good No Matter What via personally significant contributions on an annual basis and through participation in all fundraising activities.
3. Identifies potential donors to the organization and works with the Executive Director to secure major gifts.
4. Volunteers for Life Is Good No Matter What events, duties, and projects and completes them on time.
5. Attends at least nine of the 12 monthly Board meetings and actively participates on one or more Committees. If three or more meetings are missed in a calendar year, the board member will be asked to resign from the board. Board meetings are typically held in the Akron office one Wednesday a month from 6:00–7:15 pm.
6. Commits to reading/replying to all electronic communications regarding Life Is Good No Matter What. Stays informed about committee matters, prepares for meetings, reviews and comments on minutes and reports. Studiously inspects financial documents as they pertain to the organization's budget and policies. Ask questions and obtain the information necessary to make informed decisions.
7. Discloses conflicts of interest and complies with the organization's conflict of interest policies.
8. Engages in recruiting strong candidates for the board who will effectively represent the ideals of the Chapter.
9. Actively participates in the organization's annual evaluation and planning efforts.
10. Signs board commitment documents on an annual basis.

Resources for Potential Board Members

Life Is Good No Matter What strives to follow best practices in the nonprofit field. As a potential board member, we encourage you to read the following:

- Ohio Attorney General [Guide for Charity Board Members](#)
- Association of Fundraising Professionals [Donor Bill of Rights](#) and [Code of Ethical Standards](#)
- Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations [Standards for Excellence](#)

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DATE OF LAST REVISION: JULY 2020

APPLICATION FORM

Instructions: Tab-and-type to answer the following questions or print out the form and scan it in to email.

Form fields for personal and business information including Full Name, Home Address, Mobile Phone, Occupation, Business Name, Business Address, Home Phone, and Preferred Email Address.

Log into your LinkedIn account, click on your profile photo, highlight the URL in the browser window, copy it, and paste above.

Why are you interested in being a member of the Board of Directors of this organization?

Text input area for the response to the question about interest in being a board member.

Summarize the experience, skills, and knowledge that you can bring to this board that would help advance the goals of this organization.

Text input area for summarizing experience, skills, and knowledge.

For how long would you be interested in serving on this board?

Text input area for the duration of interest in serving on the board.

Do you have easy access to a computer and are you versed in using email, word processing, and the internet?

Text input area for the response regarding computer and internet access.

Do you know of any potential conflict of interest with your serving on this board?

Text input area for potential conflicts of interest.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITMENT POLICIES

Assign your signature to signify that you agree to abide by this statement.

Duties + Responsibilities

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3. I shall identify potential donors to the organization and work with the Executive Director to secure major gifts.
4. I shall volunteer for Life Is Good No Matter What events, duties, and projects and complete them on time.
5. I shall attend at least nine of the 12 monthly Board meetings and actively participate on one or more Committees. If three or more meetings are missed in a calendar year, I understand that I will be asked to resign from the Board.
6. I shall read/reply to all electronic communications regarding Life Is Good No Matter What, stay informed about committee matters, prepare for meetings, review and comment on minutes and reports, studiously inspect financial documents as they pertain to the organization's budget and policies, and ask questions to obtain the information necessary to make informed decisions.
7. I shall engage in recruiting strong candidates for the board who will effectively represent the ideals of the organization.
8. I shall actively participate in the organization's annual evaluation and planning efforts.

Conflicts of Interest

1. All acts shall be undertaken for the benefit of Life Is Good No Matter What with respect to transactions, activities or dealings related to LIGNMW.
2. As a Director in a position to influence or vote on policy or expenditures of LIGNMW, I shall exercise good faith in all transactions relating to LIGNMW. I will not use my position or knowledge gained therefrom, directly or indirectly, to influence my conduct with regard to any personal interests including the personal interests of my spouse, other immediate family member or domestic partner; or the interests of any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, firm, association in which I have significant administrative responsibilities or in which I have any financial interest (or if a publicly traded company, an ownership interest of at least 5%) as a shareholder, partner, owner or otherwise; nor will I allow any such interest to influence a decision regarding the governance or administration of LIGNMW.
3. With respect to any proposed contract or other transaction between LIGNMW and myself or any party in which I have an interest (as stated above) considered by the Board of Directors, the officers, or any committee of LIGNMW for authorization, approval or ratification, the following rules shall apply:
 - A. Full disclosure of the relationship or interest shall be made to the Chair of the LIGNMW Board of Directors and Executive Director prior to discussion or action on such contract or transaction;
 - B. I will present factual information and respond to questions, but will not participate in the discussion, deliberations or LIGNMW's decision with respect to such contract or transaction, nor attempt to use any personal influence;
 - C. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect the disclosure made, the vote taken and, where applicable, my abstention from voting and participating.



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- 4. I will disclose to LIGNMW's Board of Directors and Executive Director of other non-profit, charitable organizations for whom I participate in fundraising activities (please list below).

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Whistleblower Protection

If I become aware of any violation of federal, state, or local law or regulation, including any financial wrongdoing, I shall immediately report the violation to the Executive Director (if not involved) or two board members to allow Life Is Good No Matter What to investigate and, if applicable, correct the situation or condition.

If any Director, volunteer or employee reports in good faith what they believe to be a violation of the law and/or financial wrongdoing, its legal counsel, or to a federal, state, or local agency or assists in an investigation concerning financial wrongdoing, it is the policy of Life Is Good No Matter What that there will be no retaliation taken against the Director, volunteer or employee.

See complete Anti-Retaliation policy in the board governance documents.

Confidentiality

I will safeguard sensitive Life Is Good No Matter What information, which includes and is not limited to: strategies, policies or confidential information relating to programs and projects; information from other organizations that is not to be disseminated; fiscal, salary or other personal and personnel information; and information about clients applying for escape experiences.

Agreement to Abide

By signing this document, I acknowledge I understand, and agree to abide by, the statements made above.

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ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

[Empty box for date]

DATE

All Directors of Life Is Good No Matter What shall complete and submit this form annually, on or before January 31, to the LIGNMW office, where it will remain on file.